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This application is related to two copending United States Patent applications entitled respectively "Distributed Commerce System," filed on October 25, 2000 Application number 09/696,754 to Lamoureux et al. and Electronic Commerce Infrastructure System," filed on October 25, 2000 Application number 09/697,024 to Lamoureux et al. filed on the same day as this application, and herein incorporated by reference.